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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 2-2017
Thursday, February 16, 2017**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chambers on
February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Anita Neal Powell, Chair Pro Tem
Matthew Goguen
Stefanie Tincher

Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney

Absent: Rob Achtmeyer
Emily Correll

Commissioner Tincher moved, seconded by Commissioner Goguen, that Anita Neal Powell act as Chair Pro Tem for the meeting, due to the absence of Chair Achtmeyer. The motion passed 3-0, with Chair Achtmeyer and Commissioner Correll absent.

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Black Eyed Susan Conference Room)

Chair Pro Tem Neal Powell noted the worksession was held, and that no decisions were made.

II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director, announced the upcoming Peerless Rockville series on education equality after emancipation in Rockville.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – Chair Pro Tem Neal Powell reported that the Maryland African American Preservation Conference would be held at the Takoma Park campus of Montgomery College on Saturday, February 18. The foundation will be sponsoring African American history walking tours in the coming year, with details to follow. In addition, she noted that she was interviewed on the history of Lincoln Park by County Cable Montgomery
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – No members of the public spoke.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Commissioner Goguen spoke in support of the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit, and encouraged interested parties to support retention of the tax credit in the tax code. He reported that he attended the Montgomery History conference in January, and found it to be a great event and encouraged others to attend next year. Sheila Bashiri reported that it has been reported that the Confederate monument on the grounds of the Red

Brick Courthouse will be moved shortly, with the location not yet announced. She also reminded that Commission that the annual HDC retreat will be held on Saturday May 6 from 9 until 1, with a trained from MAHDC coming, as well as discussion on potential changes to the Rules of Procedure recommended by the consultant the reviewed the City's historic preservation documents.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2017

Commissioner Goguen noted two changes to be made to the minutes. Commissioner Tincher moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to approve the consent agenda with the changes to the December minutes as proposed by Commissioner Goguen. The motion passed 2-0, with Chair Pro Tem Neal Powell abstaining, and Chair Achtmeyer and Commissioner Correll absent.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

- A. Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00832, Rockville Cemetery Association** – to make modifications to the Rockville Cemetery as part of road improvements on Baltimore Road. The proposal includes removing the cemetery loop road, culvert, and bridge, reconstructing the asphalt cemetery loop road east of the stream, and removing/replacing trees.

Ms. Bashiri presented that staff report, which recommended approval.

Andrew Luetkemeyer, engineer with the City's Public Works Department representing the applicant, explained the improvement project and answered questions from Commissioners.

Burt Hall, President of the Rockville Cemetery Association, discussed the association and aspects of the cemetery, and also answered questions from the Commission.

Hannelore Quigley of 2268 Glenmore Terrace spoke in support of the application.

Commissioner Goguen moved, seconded by Commissioner Tincher, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00832. The motion passed 3-0, with Chair Achtmeyer and Commissioner Correll absent.

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Update of Draft Historic Preservation Text Amendment** – Jim Wasilak noted that the text amendment has been modified based on the Commission's comments in December, and that staff and the City Attorney's office continue to review the draft. He reminded the Commission that they had requested a public hearing on the draft once it is authorized by the Mayor and Council, which is expected to be in March or April.

Commissioner Goguen noted the Commission's previous discussion on the use of the term "significant," in the text amendment, and why that term should be retained, based on its

application in the historic preservation field, and particularly its use in the National Register. He expressed his hope that the term would remain in the document.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Goguen moved, and Commissioner Tincher seconded, for adjournment of the meeting. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.